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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Los Angeles – Bomb Threat at Norwalk Social Services Building Leads to Arrest

(U) One arrest was made after the Norwalk Social Services Center and surrounding buildings were evacuated briefly after a bomb threat. Buildings between Alondra Boulevard and Hayford Street and Clarkdale and Elaine avenues, were evacuated. The building was cleared as safe an hour after the arrival of the bomb squad. A vehicle was checked as well, with no explosives found. The suspect was arrested on suspicion of making a false bomb threat.

SOURCE: 27 September 2018, Press Telegram

(U) Sacramento – 17 Charged in Massive Series of Apple Store Robberies Across California

(U) Eight suspects have been arrested and booked, and warrants have been issued for nine more, in connection with a massive series of coordinated Apple store robberies across California. The robberies totaled more than \$1 million in property stolen and took place across 19 counties from San Diego to as far north as Butte. The ongoing investigation is led by the San Luis Obispo and Oakland police departments, with assistance from law enforcement agencies in each of the 19 involved counties.

SOURCE: 27 September 2018, Sacramento Bee

(U) San Diego - Port of San Diego Hit by Ransomware Attack

(U) The Port of San Diego said that the FBI and Department of Homeland Security were investigating a ransomware attack that disrupted the port; information technology systems. The cyber-attack has not affected public safety operations or ship and boat traffic. Public services related to park permits, public records requests and business services have been disrupted.

SOURCE: 27 September 2018, Reuters

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Arizona – Wave of Illegal Immigration Continues as Agents arrest 264 in 24 Hours

(U) Tucson – Ajo Station Border Patrol agents patrolling west of the Lukeville Port of Entry encountered two large groups totaling 264 adults and children within the last day. Agents transported the groups, found to be in good health to the Ajo Border Patrol Station to be processed for immigration violations. In the last three months agents have arrested over 1,200 person, in similar group sizes, within the same general vicinity.

SOURCE: 27 September 2018, CBP

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Kentucky – Teen Arrested after Police say he Threated to "Shoot Up" Lexington High School

(U) Lexington – A teenager was charged with threatening to open fire on Lexington High School. On 24 September, the teenager told investigators that he was suicidal and "upset with his school." According to an arrest warrant, the student also threatened to "blow up" the school. He also told another student that he was going to purchase guns and bulletproof vest. The teenager is being held in the Lexington

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County Detention Center while he awaits a bond hearing.

SOURCE: 27 September 2018, The State

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Ethiopia – Ethiopia Charges Five with Terrorism over Grenade Attack at PM Rally

(U) Addis Ababa – Ethiopia's attorney general on Friday filed terrorism charges against five suspects held for involvement in a grenade attack at a rally attended by Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed in June. Two people were killed and scores wounded in the explosion in the center of the capital Addis Ababa that occurred close to a stage just after a speech by Abiy to tens of thousands of supporters. Charges brought to court accused the suspects of "targeting the Prime minister" with the aim of "preventing his administration from governing the country."

SOURCE: 27 September 2018, Reuters

(U) Iran – Iran's Revolutionary Guard Kills Four Militants near Pakistan Border

(U) Saravan – Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps stated it had killed four militants at the Saravan border crossing with Pakistan in Iran's southeastern Sistan-Baluchestan province. Sunni militant groups in southeastern Iran have long carried out periodic attacks on military and civilian targets, aiming to highlight what they say is discrimination against Sunni Muslim ethnic groups in mainly Shi'ite Iran. The Revolutionary Guard said that Iranian forces killed four terrorist and wounded tow. Other members of the terrorist group fled to the neighboring country. No Iranian forces were harmed in the attack. SOURCE: 28 September 2018, Reuters

(U) Netherlands – Dutch Police Arrest Seven over Plot to Attack Large Event

(U) The Hague – Dutch police have arrested seven men suspected of plotting a large attack with hand grenades, automatic weapons and explosives belts. Three of the seven suspects had previously been detained after trying to join foreign militants abroad. The lead suspect was a 34-year old Iraqi who was convicted in 2017 for travelling abroad to join ISIS insurgents. The men, aged 21-34, were detained in four locations across the Netherlands after nearly six months of investigations by authorities. SOURCE: 27 September 2018, The Guardian

(U) Saudi Arabia - Three Saudis Accused of Terrorism Killed in Shi'ite Muslim Qatif Region

(U) Qatif – Three Saudi men accused of terrorism were killed after they resisted arrest in the eastern Shi'ite Muslim region of Qatif. Three members of the Saudi security forces suffered light injuries. In January 2016 Saudi Arabia executed a prominent Shi'ite cleric, Sheikh Nimr al-Nimr, and his execution triggered protests in this region, where Shi'ites complain of marginalization and discrimination by the Sunni-led kingdom.

SOURCE: 27 September 2018, Reuters

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